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<p>♠ A6 ♥ AQ9632 ♦ A7 ♣ AJ7</p> <p>♠ Q10987 ♠ J43 ♥ J10 ♥ - ♦ K863 ♦ J10952 ♣ 84 ♣ Q9652</p> <p>♠ K52 ♥ K8754 ♦ Q4 ♣ K103</p>	<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all – HB65 B1</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>6♥</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>East leads ♦J. Declarer tries ♦Q but West has ♦K and declarer takes ♦A. Declarer doesn't need to guess who has ♣Q. The contract is 100% certain. Declarer draws trumps, cashes ♠A and ♠K, ruffs a spade to eliminate the suit and exits with his diamond. Whichever defender wins has the unenviable choice of conceding a ruff and discard or opening up the clubs to declarer's advantage.</p>	West	North	East	South		1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass					
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<p>♠ KJ982 ♥ A54 ♦ 53 ♣ Q32</p> <p>♠ 43 ♠ 10 ♥ 10976 ♥ QJ8 ♦ J1097 ♦ Q8642 ♣ A104 ♣ K986</p> <p>♠ AQ765 ♥ K32 ♦ AK ♣ J75</p>	<p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable – HB65 B3</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>3♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♠</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>West leads ♦J. Declarer ensures the contract by making the defenders open up clubs (a frozen suit). He wins ♦A, draws trumps, cashes ♦K to eliminate the suit, takes ♥A K and exits with the third heart. East wins and has the choice of conceding a ruff and discard or opening up the clubs.</p>	West	North	East	South				1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass			
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<p>♠ QJ1097 ♥ A653 ♦ 32 ♣ 64</p> <p>♠ K86 ♠ A5 ♥ K7 ♥ 942 ♦ A754 ♦ KQJ8 ♣ K1098 ♣ AJ32</p> <p>♠ 432 ♥ QJ108 ♦ 1096 ♣ Q75</p>	<p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable – HB58 B4</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>3NT</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>North leads ♠Q. Declarer wins ♠A because hearts are weaker than spades. Danger Hand: South, because South can lead a heart through declarer's ♥K 7. Cunning Plan: Declarer has 8 top tricks and needs to develop one more diamond trick. He finesses his ♣10.</p>	West	North	East	South	1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass								
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<div><div><div>♠ AKQ</div><div>♥ KQ3</div><div>♦ AJ87</div><div>♣ K76</div></div><div><div>♠ 832</div><div>♥ 1086</div><div>♦ Q64</div><div>♣ J1083</div></div><div><div>♠ 10954</div><div>♥ AJ942</div><div>♦ 53</div><div>♣ Q9</div></div><div><div>♠ J76</div><div>♥ 75</div><div>♦ K1092</div><div>♣ A542</div></div></div>	<div>Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable – HB58 B5</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div>2NT</div><div>Pass</div><div>3NT</div></div></div> <div>All Pass</div> <div>East leads ♥4 to West's ♥10. Declarer wins ♥K.</div> <div>Danger Hand: West, because West can return a heart through declarer's remaining ♥Q 3.</div> <div>Cunning Plan: Declarer has 8 top tricks and needs to develop one more diamond trick. He finesses his ♦J.</div>
<div><div><div>♠ 86</div><div>♥ J1094</div><div>♦ 75432</div><div>♣ J10</div></div><div><div>♠ QJ10</div><div>♥ 53</div><div>♦ QJ1098</div><div>♣ 432</div></div><div><div>♠ A43</div><div>♥ A762</div><div>♦ AK</div><div>♣ AK76</div></div><div><div>♠ K9752</div><div>♥ KQ8</div><div>♦ 6</div><div>♣ Q985</div></div></div>	<div>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable – HB68 B6</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div>2NT</div><div>Pass</div></div></div> <div>3NT All Pass</div> <div>South leads ♠5. If you allow dummy's ♠Q to win trick 1 you will find you have no entry to dummy's diamonds. Overtake ♠Q with ♠A, unblock ♦A K and concede a spade. ♠J will now allow you to reach ♦Q J 10.</div>
<div><div><div>♠ A54</div><div>♥ J43</div><div>♦ QJ1098</div><div>♣ 63</div></div><div><div>♠ 86</div><div>♥ 986</div><div>♦ 7632</div><div>♣ AKQJ</div></div><div><div>♠ 732</div><div>♥ KQ105</div><div>♦ 54</div><div>♣ 10987</div></div><div><div>♠ KQJ109</div><div>♥ A72</div><div>♦ AK</div><div>♣ 542</div></div></div>	<div>Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable – HB68 B7</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>1♠</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>2♠</div><div>Pass</div><div>3♣</div></div><div><div>Pass</div><div>4♠</div><div>All Pass</div><div></div></div></div> <div>West starts with ♣A K Q. If you ruff the third club in dummy you will not be able to reach dummy's diamonds. Instead, discard a heart on the third club. Subsequently you can draw two rounds of trumps with ♠K Q, unblock ♦A K, draw the last trump with ♠A and discard hearts on diamonds.</div>
<div><div><div>♠ 2</div><div>♥ KJ76</div><div>♦ J109</div><div>♣ K9832</div></div><div><div>♠ AQJ1098</div><div>♥ A</div><div>♦ 632</div><div>♣ 754</div></div><div><div>♠ K76</div><div>♥ Q98432</div><div>♦ AQ8</div><div>♣ 6</div></div><div><div>♠ 543</div><div>♥ 105</div><div>♦ K754</div><div>♣ AQJ10</div></div></div>	<div>Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all – HB69 B8</div> <div><div><div>West</div><div>North</div><div>East</div><div>South</div></div><div><div>1♠</div><div>Pass</div><div>2♥</div><div>Pass</div></div><div><div>2♠</div><div>Pass</div><div>4♠</div><div>All Pass</div></div></div> <div>North leads ♦J. Declarer doesn't need the diamond finesse. Win ♦A and concede a club, aiming to ruff 2 clubs in dummy.</div> <div>If declarer finesses ♦Q South wins ♦K and switches to a trump. When he wins ♣A he plays another trump, preventing a second club ruff in dummy.</div>

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<p>♠ A32 ♥ AQ8 ♦ QJ76 ♣ 876</p> <p>♠ 76 ♠ QJ1098 ♥ J43 ♥ 10972 ♦ A4 ♦ K32 ♣ J109432 ♣ 5</p> <p>♠ K54 ♥ K65 ♦ 10985 ♣ AKQ</p>	<p>Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable – HB68 B9</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>3NT</td></tr></table> <p>All Pass</p> <p>East leads ♠Q. Despite having two spade stoppers you must let this hold. Win trick 2 and start on diamonds. When West wins ♦A he will have no spade left to return. Follow through what happens if you win trick 1. You play a diamond at trick 2. West wins ♦A and returns a spade. Subsequently East gains the lead with ♦K and cashes 3 spade tricks.</p>	West	North	East	South		1NT	Pass	3NT								
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<p>♠ 762 ♥ K1097 ♦ QJ109 ♣ J10</p> <p>♠ K43 ♠ QJ1098 ♥ 653 ♥ AJ ♦ 7 ♦ A432 ♣ K75432 ♣ A8</p> <p>♠ A5 ♥ Q842 ♦ K865 ♣ Q96</p>	<p>Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable – HB69 B10</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♦</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>4♠</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>If South leads ♠A 5 declarer will only be able to ruff one diamond in dummy, so he will need clubs to break 3-2. Win ♠Q at trick 2, cash ♣A K and ruff a club. Now draw the last trump with dummy's ♠K and run the winning clubs. If South does not lead a trump it would be reasonable to aim to ruff diamonds in dummy.</p>	West	North	East	South			1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass		
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<p>♠ KQ3 ♥ A1098 ♦ J653 ♣ A2</p> <p>♠ 109872 ♠ J65 ♥ 65 ♥ K7 ♦ 2 ♦ 109874 ♣ 108743 ♣ J96</p> <p>♠ A4 ♥ QJ432 ♦ AKQ ♣ KQ5</p>	<p>Board 11 : Dealer South : Love all – HB66 B11</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>2NT</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>3♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♥</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>6♥</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Q: Where is the safety play? A: Spurn the trump finesse, instead cashing ♥A followed by ♥10. This protects you from a ruff. Q: Is appropriate on this hand? A: Yes. West leads ♦2 which could be a singleton.</p>	West	North	East	South				2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass	
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<p>♠ QJ108 ♥ Q107 ♦ 103 ♣ Q1098</p> <p>♠ - ♠ AK92 ♥ 632 ♥ AK54 ♦ 542 ♦ AKQ ♣ AK65432 ♣ J7</p> <p>♠ 76543 ♥ J98 ♦ J9876 ♣ -</p>	<p>Board 12 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable – HB66 B12</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>3♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>6♣</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <p>Q: Where is the safety play? A: Lead towards ♣J in dummy. This keeps your trump losers to one if North has ♣Q1098. Q: Is appropriate on this hand? A: Yes. North leads ♠Q. Trump it and lead a low club.</p>	West	North	East	South	3♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass								
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